

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to Applicant's amendment/arguments received on 1/06/09 and telephonic conversation with Dan Sheridan on 3/30/09.

Examiner Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

The following changes were authorized by Dan Sheridan in a telephone interview on 3/30/09.

Please cancel claims 9-17, 26-33 and 42-57.

Allowance

In light of applicant amendments and arguments claims 1, 4, 6-8, 18, 21, 23-25, 34, 37 and 39-41 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Poltorak whose telephone number is (571) 272-3840. The examiner can normally be reached from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 until 5:00, and every other Friday from 9:00 until 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571)272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

/Peter Poltorak/

Examiner, Art Unit 2434

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2434